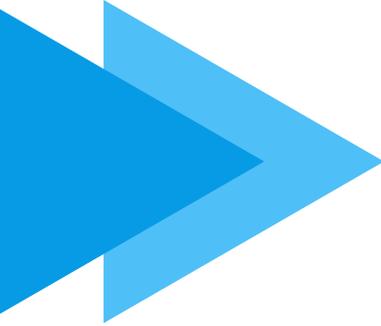


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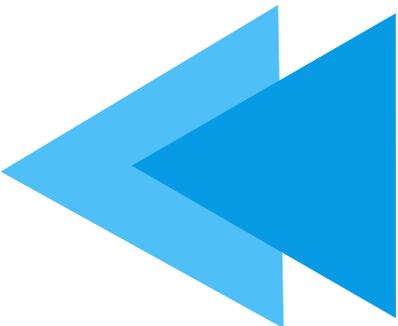


Rise Up Northwest

The R.U.N. in Unity Convening is an assembly of Northwest partners and allies to connect and unify voices, and develop and implement best practices for the protection and preservation of water, orca, and salmon in the Northwest.

This two-day event will focus on prioritizing education, cultural awareness and the exchange of ideas to address the current needs of water, orca, and salmon through the formulation of solutions and strategies to build a stronger, smarter and more resilient Northwest.

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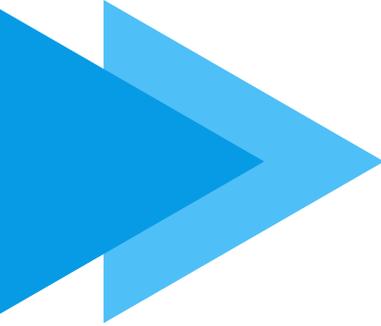


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Program Schedule

Wednesday, November 1st

7:30 a.m. Breakfast

8:00 a.m. Welcome Tulalip Chairwoman Gobin

8:10 a.m. Amy Cordalis (Yurok) Executive Director, *Ridges to Riffles Indigenous Conservation*

8:25 a.m. Litigation Update Nez Perce Chairman Wheeler

8:45 a.m. Columbia Basin Tribes - 7 Drum

10:45 a.m. Break

11:00 a.m. Tribal Protocols & Testimony
Tulalip Tribes
Nisqually Indian Tribe
Coeur D'Alene Tribe

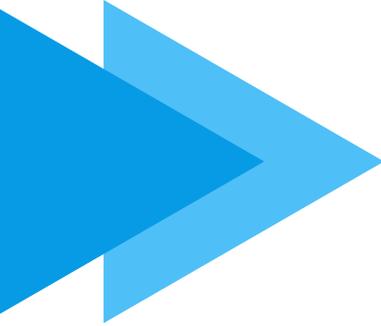
12:00 p.m. Lunch
Covenant of the Salmon People

1:00 p.m. Tribal Protocols & Testimony
Shoshone Paiute Tribes
Nooksack Indian Tribe
Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians

2:30 p.m. Break - Refreshments

2:45 p.m. Tribal Protocols & Testimony
Suquamish Tribe
Lummi Nation
Squaxin Island Tribe
Shoshone Bannock Tribes
Spokane Tribe of Indians
Quileute Tribe
Swinomish Indian Tribal Community

5:00 p.m. End



Program Schedule

Thursday, November 2nd

7:30 a.m. Breakfast

8:00 a.m. Welcome Fawn Sharp (Quinault) President *NCAI*

8:15 a.m. NGO Opening

Sierra Club - Ben Jealous

American Rivers - Tom Kiernan and Dr. Mel Lewis

National Wildlife Federation - Collin O'Mara (virtual)

Trout Unlimited - Chris Wood (virtual)

9:00 a.m. NW Legislative Salmon Champions (virtual)

WA Governor Jay Inslee

WA Senator Patty Murray

9:10 a.m. Energy

Moderator: Aja DeCoteau (Yakama), Executive Director CRITFC

Nancy Hirsh, Executive Director NW Energy Coalition

Karl Dye, CEO TRIDEC

Rob Lothrop, Policy Development / Litigation Support Manager CRITFC

9:40 a.m. Irrigation

Moderator: Lisa McShane, Principal Blue Spruce Strategies

James Kraft, Executive Director Washington Water Trust

Blaine Meek, Farmer Manager AgReserves, Inc.

10:10 a.m. Transportation

Tanya Riordan, Policy & Advocacy Director Save Our Wild Salmon

Lisa McShane, Principal Blue Spruce Strategies

Ahmer Nizam, Director of Environmental Services WSDOT

10:40 a.m. Break

11:00 a.m. Tribal Women

Moderator: Kayeloni Scott (Spokane) Communications Nez Perce Tribe

Alyssa Macy (Warm Springs) CEO Washington Conservation Action

Carol Evans (Spokane) Retired Chairwoman Spokane Tribe

R. Kim Hartwig, MD (Nez Perce) Medical Director Nimiipuu Health

12:00 p.m. Lunch

Bob Ferguson, Attorney General Washington State

Dean Hall, The Wild Cure Way

Program Schedule

Thursday, November 2nd

1:00 p.m. Business Impacts

Moderator: **Shannon Wheeler, Chairman** Nez Perce
Jay Julius (Lummi), President Se'Si'Le
Ashely Nicole Lewis, Owner Bad Ash Outdoors
Lauren McCullough, Co-Manager OARS

1:30 p.m. Youth

Moderator: *Chantel Greene (Nez Perce), CEO Xexus Greene Energy, LLC*
Jalisco Miles Nez Perce
Lilly Wilson Youth Salmon Protectors
Maanit Goel WYORCA

2:00 p.m. Tribal Men

Moderator: *Ashton Picard, Council Chaplain Nez Perce*
Dana Wilson, (Lummi) Secretary/Treasurer Se'Si'Le
Jeremy RedStar Wolf, (Umatilla) Fisheries Tech III CTUIR
JeDe Goudy (Yakama) Former Council Chairman Yakama Tribe

3:00 p.m. Break-Refreshments

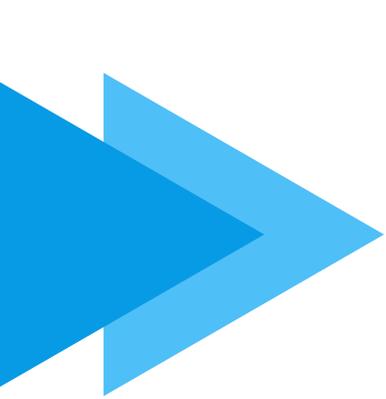
3:15 p.m. Orca

Moderator: *Lynda Mapes, Reporter / Author Seattle Times*
Dr. Deborah Giles, Science & Research Director Wild Orca
Hannah Thompson Director of Advocacy & Mission Adv. NARN
Freddie Lane (Lummi) Community Activist & Artist

4:15 p.m. Salmon

Moderator: *Shannon Wheeler, Chairman Nez Perce*
Dave Johnson (Navajo), Manager Nez Perce Tribe Fisheries
Fawn Sharp (Quinalt) President NCAI
Phil Rigdon (Yakama) Superintendent Yakama Natural Resources

5:30 p.m. End



Honored Speakers



Benjamin Todd "Ben" Jealous is the Executive Director of the Sierra Club. Ben has served in various roles of two of the nation's most influential groups pursuing equity and justice and protecting democracy and the environment. Ben led the NAACP as the youngest-ever President and CEO of the nation's oldest and largest civil rights organization with more than 2,400 chapters. Ben graduated from Columbia University and earned a master's degree from Oxford University as a Rhodes Scholar. He was the 2018 Democratic nominee for governor of Maryland. He was named to the "40 Under 40" lists of both Forbes and Time magazines. In 2013, the Baltimore Sun named him "Marylander of the Year" for his work on marriage equality, abolishing the death penalty and passing the DREAM Act.



Nancy Hirsh is Executive Director for the NW Energy Coalition. Since 2015, Nancy has directed the Coalition's efforts to enhance investments in energy efficiency, renewable resources, and low-income energy services through work with utilities, commissioners, regulators, and legislators. She serves on the board of Renewable Northwest and the Centralia Coal Transition Board. She is also on the advisory committee for the Institute for Energy Studies at Western Washington University. Before joining the Coalition, she spent twelve years in Washington, DC working on national energy policy issues for the Environmental Action Foundation and the National Wildlife Federation. When not advocating clean energy solutions, she is an avid backpacker and hiker.



Lisa McShane is the Principal of Blue Spruce Strategies, working for Tribal nations, environmental groups, foundations, and Democrats running for office. She has a passion for research, strategy, and tackling challenges. She worked for Conservation NW, served as Governor Gregoire's statewide field director, and today works on water rights adjudication, funding for early childhood education, and restoring the lower Snake River. Clients trust her to craft smart, efficient campaigns and deliver on the most challenging policy objectives in our region: stopping coal, blocking big jails, resolving water rights, and electing environmental champions. Lisa is also a professional artist. Her paintings can be found on walls from the US Embassy in Yemen to the Washington Governor's Mansion.



Dr. Deborah Giles is the Science and Research Director at the non-profit Wild Orca. She received her PhD from the University of California Davis. Giles is currently a resident scientist and lecturer at the University of Washington's Friday Harbor Labs, where she teaches Marine Mammals of the Salish Sea and Marine Biology. Giles has also worked as the vessel captain for the University of Washington, utilizing a scat detection dog to locate floating killer whale scat to monitor the physiological health of southern resident killer whales. This killer whale health assessment program is now a program of the non-profit WILD ORCA. Giles is also a killer whale scientific adviser for the Orca Salmon Alliance, a program advisor for Killer Whale Tales, and she is the co-founder of the San Juan Island Naturalist Program.



Ahmer Nizam has worked in Washington State government for 24 years, including at the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission and the Washington State Department of Transportation. He is currently the Director of Environmental Services at WSDOT where he oversees programs for climate policy, fish passage, stormwater management, habitat connectivity, environmental compliance, wetlands, and environmental justice. Ahmer also serves as WSDOT's ex-officio member on Washington State's Environmental Justice Council.



Chantel Greene is the Founder and CEO of, Xexus Greene Energy LLC, a 100% Native American and Woman-owned consulting company. She is also the Gaming Commission Director for the Nez Perce Tribe. She holds a MA of Legal Studies & Indigenous Peoples Law and a BA in Indigenous American Indian Studies with emphasis in Environmental Justice. Ms. Greene is also President of Sidney Resource Corporation and former Vice-Chairwoman of the Nez Perce Tribal Council, (NPTEC). Currently, she serves on the advisory committees for: The Center for Tribal Nations (CTNAC), Idaho Energy Freedom Advisory Group, Board of Directors for Conservation Voters of Idaho and served on the 2021 Northwest CASC Deep Dive: Managing Climate Change Impacts on Stream Permanence.



Tanya Riordan is the Policy and Advocacy Director with Save Our Wild Salmon Coalition. Her work has been dedicated to community sustainability, social justice, and environmental advocacy and policy efforts. She also served as Regional Director for a U.S. Senator, Congressional Campaign Director, working in Rwanda with health/environmental micro enterprise organizations, and leading nonprofit organizations, political campaigns, large scale community initiatives and coalitions. Tanya has a deep love of learning, travel, and nature. She focuses on integrating that passion into her work by using Biomimicry (nature-inspired solutions) as an important framework to creating sustainable solutions to our most pressing organizational and environmental challenges.



Karl Dye, President & CEO of the Tri City Development Council (TRIDEC), leads, collaborates and facilitates regional economic development for Benton and Franklin Counties. He is a graduate of the University of Idaho and former County Commissioner in North Idaho. Succeeding that Mr. Dye transitioned to Economic Development and Non-Profit Management in Idaho and Washington. In his current position, he strives to uphold the mission of TRIDEC leveraging creative leadership, federal advocacy and focusing on economic diversification to lead the Tri Cities into the future and speak with one voice for the entire Tri-Cities.



Jeremy Red Star Wolf (Umatilla) currently works for the CTUIR Water Resources Program. His Indian name, Xitsiw Ilp Ilp, means "Red Star", and his family name comes from the late Palouse Chief Wolf of the Treaty era. The remainder of his lineage consists of Cayuse, Umatilla, Walla Walla, Nez Perce, Yakama, Colville and Irish. Mr. Wolf is a graduate of Oregon State University holding a bachelor's degree in Natural Resources. Mr. Wolf is the former Vice-Chairman of CTUIR's Board of Trustees, Chair of the Fish & Wildlife Commission (FWC) and delegate on the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission (CRITFC). Much of his life has revolved around incorporating the unwritten law into the demands of present-day life: staying culturally active, earning an education, building a skillset, and staying active in tribal government.



Maanit Goel is a senior at Eastlake High School in Sammamish, Washington. He directs the Washington Youth Ocean & River Conservation Alliance (WYORCA), a team of high school and college students collaborating with youth across the Pacific Northwest to educate K-12 students about keystone species, and mobilizing youth to advocate for the breaching of the lower Snake River dams. He has been Congressionally-recognized and awarded by the EPA for this work. Outside of his salmon and orca advocacy, Maanit currently chairs the Washington Legislative Youth Advisory Council, and co-chairs the Sammamish Youth Board.



Lilly Wilson is a second-year environmental science student at Boise State University, where she works toward her dream of becoming a plant ecologist. As an avid climate activist, she leads the Youth Salmon Protectors, advocating for the removal of the four lower Snake River dams to protect wild salmon and steelhead, working as the Youth Engagement Assistant for University outreach at the Idaho Conservation League.



James Kraft is Executive Director of the Washington Water Trust (WWT). WWT was established 25 years ago to help secure abundant, clean freshwater for Washington's people, communities and environment. WWT works collaboratively with irrigators, water rights holders, Tribes, funders and state and federal agencies to buy or lease senior water rights that are then placed in the State's Trust Water Program. Mr. Kraft is a native of Seattle, WA. He has a JD from Harvard Law School and is a member of the Washington State Bar. For 27 years, James was general counsel for Plum Creek Timber Company. In that role, he helped lead the company's efforts to be a leader in environmental forestry and helped negotiate numerous habitat conservation agreements and major conservation easements across the country.



Rob Lothrop manages the Policy Development and Litigation Support Department at the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission (CRITFC). CRITFC was established by the Yakama, Warm Springs, Umatilla, and Nez Perce Indian tribes in 1977. CRITFC assists these tribes with gravel-to-gravel management of the Columbia Basin's salmon resources. Their Policy Department deals with international fisheries, coordination with state and federal fishery agencies in the Columbia Basin, FERC proceedings, water quality certifications and mitigation of federal hydroelectric project impacts. In 2004, Rob received Lewis and Clark Law School's Distinguished Environmental Graduate award.



Blaine Meek was raised on a family farm and dairy in Southeast Idaho. He graduated from Brigham Young University with a B.S. in Finance from the Marriott School of Business. Blaine has been pursuing his passion for farming for 25 years and currently raises process potatoes, carrots, onions, sweet corn, green peas, corn, and wheat with water pumped from Lake Sacajawea behind Ice Harbor Dam. Blaine and his wife Rachelle have been married for 23 years and have 8 children.



Jalisco Miles is 18 years old and an enrolled member of the Nez Perce Tribe. Jalisco resides in Lapwai, Idaho. He works for the Nez Perce Tribe Forestry & Fire Management Department. Jalisco is an avid hunter and fisherman, fishing along the Clearwater and Rapid River since he was a young boy. He believes it is important to keep the Nimiipuu tradition alive to pass on to future generations.



Ashton Picard serves as the Chaplain on the Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee (NPTEC), the governing body of the Nez Perce Tribe, and Vice-Chair for the Natural Resources Subcommittee. He believes investing in our youth is investing in our future and investing in our elders is investing in the preservation of our culture. He is the son of the late Andre Picard Sr. and Leanna Lewis. His grandparents are Eugene Picard, Theodora Allman, Etta Conner, and Harry Lewis.



Lynda Mapes is a reporter at the Seattle Times, where she specializes in coverage of the environment and Native cultures and governments. Over the course of her career she has won numerous awards, including the international 2019 and 2012 Kavli gold award for science journalism from the American Association for the Advancement of Science; a Knight fellowship in science journalism at MIT and two Bullard fellowships in forest research at the Harvard Forest. She has written six books, including *Orca Shared Waters* about the southern resident orcas and their struggle to survive, winner of the 2021 Washington State Book Award for Non-Fiction and the National Outdoor Book Award.



Carol Evans is the past Chairwoman of the Spokane Tribal Business Council and is the first woman to serve as Tribal Chair. Prior to being elected to the Spokane Tribal Council in 2013, she worked twenty-eight years as the Chief Financial Officer for the Spokane Tribe of Indians. Carol graduated from Eastern Washington University with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Business Administration and retains a CPA Inactive Certificate from the State of Washington. She resides in Spokane with her husband of forty-six years. They have four children ranging from twenty-five to forty-four years of age. Also, they are blessed with nine beautiful grandchildren and love spending time with them.



Chris Wood is the President & CEO of Trout Unlimited. Before coming to Trout Unlimited in September 2001, Chris Wood served as the Senior Policy and Communications Advisor to the Chief of the U.S. Forest Service where he helped protect 58 million acres of publicly-owned land. Chris began his career as a temporary employee with the Forest Service in Idaho and also worked for the Fish and Wildlife program of the Bureau of Land Management. He is the author and co-author of numerous papers and articles and three books including, *Watershed Restoration: Principles and Practices* (AFS 1997), *From Conquest to Conservation: Our Public Land Legacy* (Island Press, 2003), and *My Healthy Stream: A handbook for streamside owners* (Trout Unlimited and Aldo Leopold Foundation, 2013).



Ashley Nichole Lewis is currently a PhD student studying Indigenous and fisheries history of the Pacific Northwest at the University of California Davis. She is a Ford Foundation Fellow, an avid angler, and has worked as a salmon and steelhead guide since 2012. Ashley's company "Bad Ash Outdoors" encourages new approaches to the outdoors through fishing and education. She enjoys connecting her studies with her passion, fishing, and bringing her Labrador Oly (oh-lee) along for the ride.



Hannah Thompson-Garner is the Director of Advocacy & Mission Advancement at the Northwest Animal Rights Network (NARN). She is incredibly privileged to be able to focus on advocacy and policy change full-time, and spends the bulk of her duties working to implement change at the nexus between human and animal rights. Prior to filling the only staff member position at NARN, she was on the board as the Director of Policy and Legislative Affairs. She has a research background in the transnational wildlife trafficking trade and is a lawyer. Aside from her advocacy work, she enjoys hiking, camping, and spending time with her companion animal family members.



Jeremiah "Jay" Julius (W'tot Lhem), is a father, fisher, Founder and President of Se'Si'Le, Board Member of Stand.earth, and served as Chairman of the Lummi Nation. Jay believes in honoring the past and his Nation's treaty rights and inherent rights. He shares his passion for fishing and his commitment to the Salish Sea through his seafood market, where he has two seafood operations in the heart of his people's original territory in the Salish Sea on San Juan Island. These markets provide not only an income, but a way to enriching the public's understanding of Xw'ullemy (the Salish Sea) and the lifeways and ancient fishing heritage of his people.



R Kim Hartwig, MD (Nez Perce) is the Nimiipuu Health Medical Director and a board-certified family physician. She is committed to improving the overall health of the Indian country through the preservation of our culture through knowledge, history, and understanding of what it means to be Nimiipuu. Assisting in creating community-wide programs and increasing awareness of the needs of our communities through identifying and implementing changes to provide quality care in Indian Country is a fundamental tenet of her philosophy in medicine, which is why she returned home to practice medicine. Dr. Hartwig is the mother of 6 children who recognize that our work is for our future and our thanks go to our ancestors who prepared the way for us.



Dr. Mel Michelle Lewis (she/they) is Vice President of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Justice at American Rivers. Dr. Mel is also a Collaborator with The Art of Change Agency, an Affiliated Researcher with the Penn Program in Environmental Humanities at the University of Pennsylvania, and Orion Magazine board member. Dr. Mel completed their M.A. and Ph.D. in Women's Studies at the University of Maryland, College Park. They hold an M.S. with a Public Policy concentration from Towson University and a B.A. in Women's Studies and Sociology from Goucher College. They are currently pursuing an MPP with an emphasis in Environmental Policy.



Phil Ridgon is an enrolled member of the Yakama Nation and is currently the Yakama Nation's Natural Resources Department Superintendent. Mr. Ridgon has been involved in numerous regional and intertribal initiatives, including the Tapash Sustainable Forest Collaborative, the Yakima River Basin Watershed Enhancement Project Workgroup and Conservation Advisory Group, the Washington State Columbia River Policy Advisory Group, the Intertribal Timber Council, and the Hanford Natural Resource Trustee Council. He holds a B.S. in Forestry Management from the University of Washington as well as a Master of Forestry from Yale University's School of Forestry & Environmental Studies.



Tom Kiernan is the President and CEO of American Rivers, the nation's most trusted and influential river conservation organization. Throughout his career, Tom has been dedicated to protecting the nation's lands and waters, diversifying the conservation movement and advancing innovative solutions to benefit people and nature. Before joining American Rivers, Tom led the American Wind Energy Association. He also served as President of the National Parks Conservation Association. He co-founded the Rocky Mountain Outdoor Center on the Arkansas River in Colorado and worked at North Carolina's Nantahala Outdoor Center guiding trips throughout the Southeast. Today, Tom is an avid rower who spends time on the Potomac River most mornings. He received a BA from Dartmouth College and an MBA from Stanford's Graduate School of Business.



Aja DeCoteau is a citizen of the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation and serves as the Executive Director of the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission (CRITFC). She has over twenty years of experience working on natural resource management and policy issues in the Columbia River Basin. Prior to serving as the Executive Director, she was CRITFC's Watershed Department Manager where she coordinated fisheries restoration and watershed protection activities and climate change research response on behalf of the Yakama, Nez Perce, Umatilla, and Warm Springs tribes. She holds a BA in Environmental Studies and Native American Studies from Dartmouth College as well as a Master of Environmental Management from Yale University School of the Environment.



Alyssa Macy is a citizen of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Oregon and serves as the CEO of Washington Conservation Action. Most recently, she served her Nation as the Chief Operations Officer where she was responsible for \$33 million in tribal programming and services. Her previous experiences include working transportation, campaign management, communications, and international advocacy within United Nations bodies. She is a published writer and co-authored the first-ever national report on Native American voting in 2005. She is a graduate of Arizona State University where she received her B.S. in Justice Studies and did her graduate studies at the University of Minnesota-Minneapolis.



JoDe Goudy serves as the Vice-President of Se'Si'Le, an organization that provides strategies for protecting Indigenous rights, sacred sites, areas, resources, and landscapes and promoting an understanding of Indigenous ways of knowing Nature. He is a former Chairman of the Yakama Nation, and is the Owner and founder of Redthought.org, an educational resource center providing virtual platforms for events, conferences, workshops, and courses. He brings expertise on the Doctrine of Discovery, among other things, to the table.



Collin O'Mara serves as President and CEO of the National Wildlife Federation. Prior to the National Wildlife Federation, O'Mara led the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control as Cabinet Secretary. He was also a Marshall Scholar at the University of Oxford, a University Fellow at the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, and a Presidential Scholar at Dartmouth College. He is a Catto Fellow at the Aspen Institute, a U.S. Green Building Council LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) accredited professional, and completed Stanford Business School's Executive Management Program in Environmental Sustainability.



David Johnson is the Department Manager for the Nez Perce Tribe Fisheries Department. With 190 employees, a \$27 million annual budget, and eight offices located in two states, the Nez Perce Tribe's Fisheries Department is one of the largest tribal fisheries programs of any of the Tribes in the United States. Dave has been the Manager for the program since 2002 and has worked for the Tribe for over 30 years. He has also been employed as Fisheries Biologist with the Forest Service and the Bureau of Indian Affairs. He has a Bachelors and Masters Degree in Biology from Northern Arizona University and is an enrolled member of the Navajo Tribe.



Dana Wilson is the Secretary/Treasurer of Se'Si'Le, whose mission is to utilize Indigenous ancestral knowledge for the benefit of Mother Earth, Indigenous lifeways, and future generations. Se'Si'Le provides strategies for protecting Indigenous rights, sacred sites, areas, resources, and landscapes and promoting an understanding of Indigenous ways of knowing Nature. Dana is a member of the Lummi Nation and a lifelong fisher who is active in the Nation's efforts to restore the salmon and protect and pass on the natural and cultural heritage of the Salish Sea.



Amy Cordalis is a fisherwoman, attorney, mother, and member of the Yurok Tribe. Amy is the Executive Director of the Ridges to Riffles Indigenous Conservation Group (R2R) a nonprofit representing Native American tribes in natural and cultural resource matters. She was general counsel of the Yurok Tribe and a staff attorney at the Native American Rights Fund. Amy has devoted her legal practice to serving Indian Country in the areas of treaty rights, natural resource preservation, and advancing tribal sovereignty. Amy is a board member of the Klamath River Renewal Corporation, Trout Unlimited, and the Water Foundation.



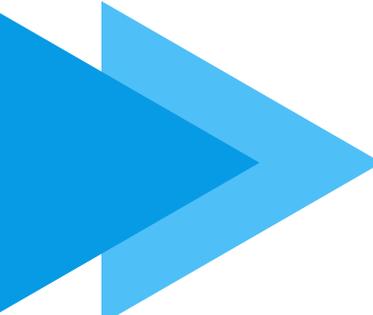
Freddie Lane is a Lummi Community Activist & Artist. He served on the Lummi Indian Business Council and continues his civic duties advocating as the House of Tears' Carvers Road Manager. In 2016, the Carvers were delegated by Chief Tsilixw to lead efforts for the release of our qwel lhol mech ten relative, Lolita aka: Tokitae, who was then held captive at the Miami Seaquarium since the early 1970's. In 2020, Lane spearheaded efforts for the "Red Road to DC" totem pole journey gifting a 25 foot totem pole to the 46th President. Sul ka dub is currently planning two journeys for 2024: 1) A Healing Pole Journey for the boarding/residential school survivors across Canada and the United States; 2) An Honoring Totem Pole Journey for Tokitae.



Kayeloni Scott grew up in the Lewiston, Idaho area where she attended high school and, subsequently, college at Lewis Clark State. She received her Bachelor Degree in Business and Communications with a minor in Spanish. Proceeding college, Kayeloni started her career working in the financial industry. She moved to Portland, Oregon where she resided for five years. Returning to Idaho in 2017, she became the Communications Manager for the Nez Perce Tribe, where she handled media relations as well as internal and external communication mediums. In 2022 she and her now fiancé, moved to Nevada with their two dogs and three cats. Kayeloni accepted a position with American Rivers as the Communications Director for the Northwest Region and the River Protections Program and continues her work with the Nez Perce Tribe, providing communications services on Lower Snake River issues.



Shannon Wheeler, Chairman of the Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee ("NPTEC"), is an enrolled member of the Nez Perce Tribe. Mr. Wheeler has an entrepreneurial background and from 1990 to 2016, was primarily involved in his family business in various forms. Mr. Wheeler was first elected to the NPTEC, the governing body of the Nez Perce Tribe, in May of 2016. In May of 2022, he was elected to his third three-year term. During his tenure on NPTEC, Mr. Wheeler has served as Treasurer (2017–2018), Chairman (2018–2021, 2023), and Vice- Chairman (2021 - 2022). He has served as chairman for the Budget and Finance Subcommittee, Land Commission Enterprise, Law and Order Subcommittee, and Climate Change/Energy Subcommittee.



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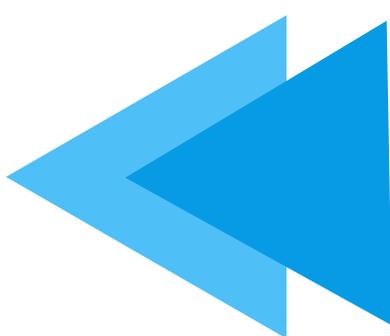
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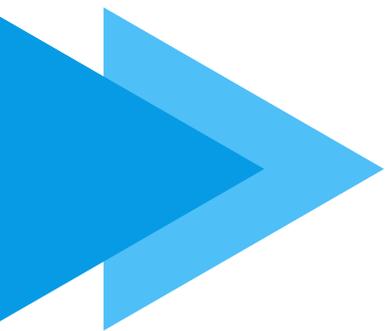
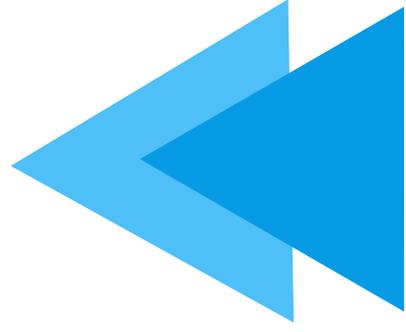
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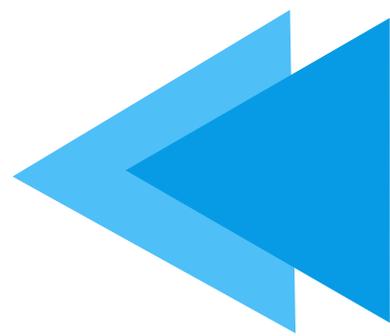
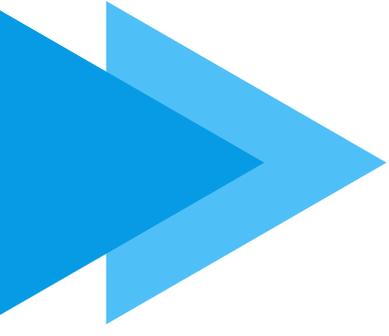
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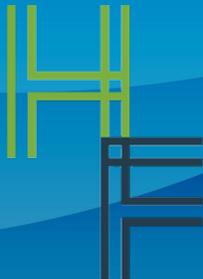




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